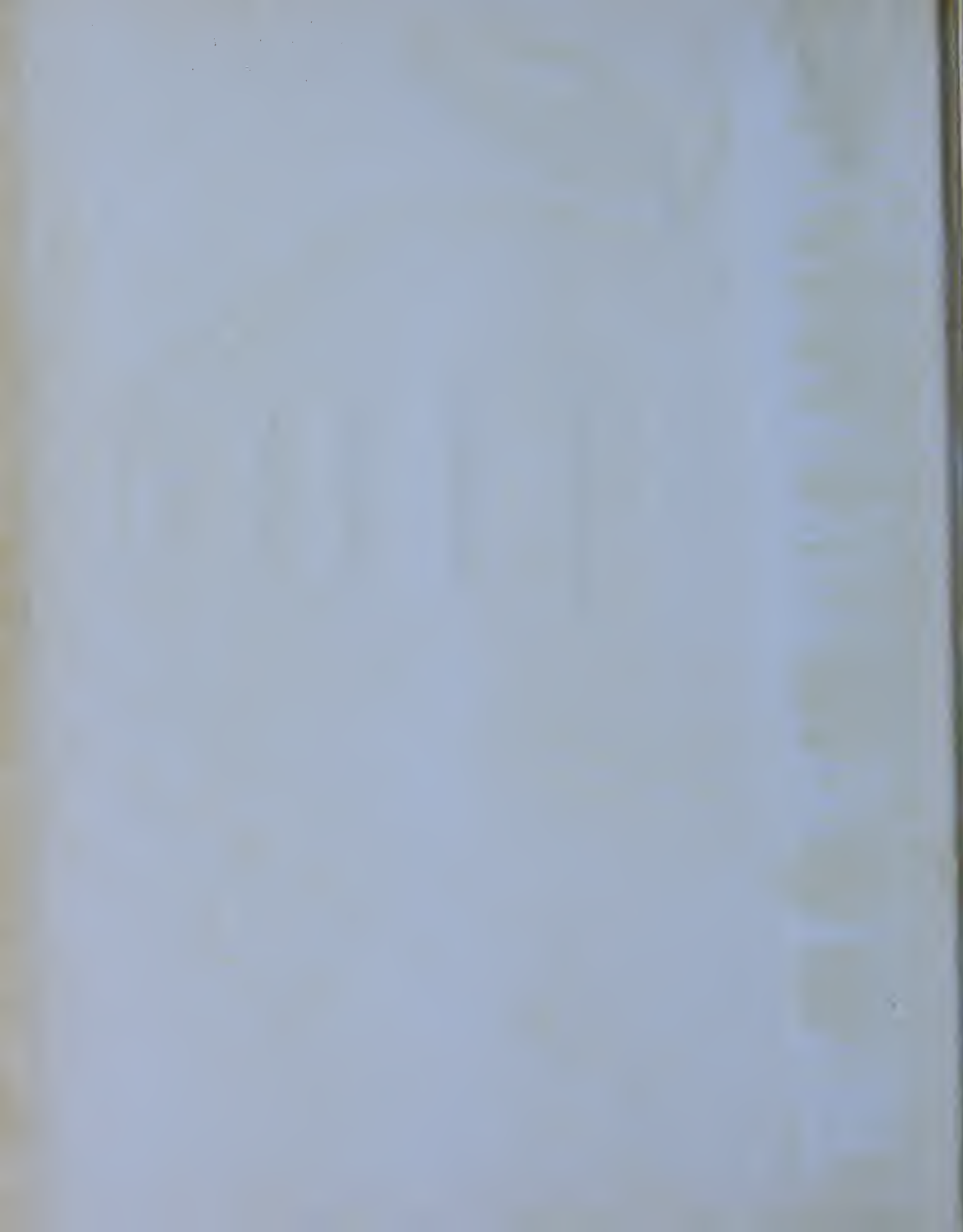


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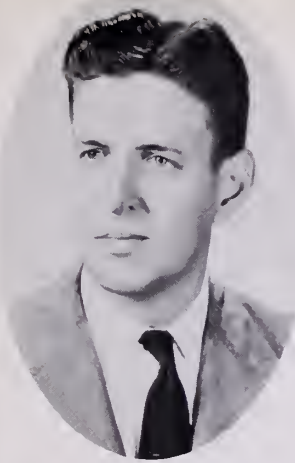
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To one whose services to our community in general and to our schools in particular have been given so freely and for so long a time under such trying conditions, we dedicate our Crystal.

To the retiring Chairman of the Lexington School Board,

To Robert B. Weaver.

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Robert B. Weaver

Foreword

As you turn the pages of this "Crystal", may there return to you the memoirs of your school days at Lexington High School, which we, the class of '55 have endeavored to preserve for you.

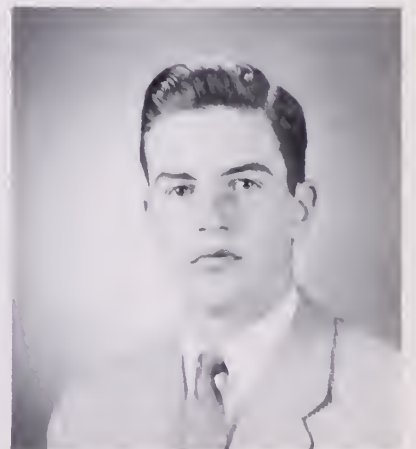
We sincerely hope that we have been successful in our efforts.

The Staff

Seniors

WILLIAM McCABE RICHARDSON
"Bill"

Executive Committe 4; President of class
4; Football 4; Baseball 4





MARTHA ELIZABETH BARGER

"Martha" "Marty"

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Library Club 2,3; Dramatic Club 4



SHIRLEY JANE BAYNE

"Shirley"

F. H. A. 3,4; Dramatic Club 1; Glee Club 8; Latin Club 1; "Scarletter" staff 1



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"Julie"

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"Troubles" "Lucy"

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RITA JEANETTE DAVIS

"Reta"

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer F. H. A. 2, 4;
Honor Court 4



ELINOR RAGLAND DUNLAP

"Bootsie" "Ellie"

Glee Club 8, 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer
Glee Club 4; Honor Court 1; "Scarletter"
1, 2, 3, 4, Managing Editor "Scarletter" 4;
Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Crystal" Staff 3, 4, Ed-
itor "Crystal" 4; Chemistry Club 3, 4,
President 4; Science Club, 8, 1, 2, Vice-
President 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Vice-
President Class 2; Secretary -Treasurer
Class 2; Vice-President Class 4; Hockey
8, 1, 2; Basketball 8, 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 4



PRESTON EUGENE FLINT

"Red-Eye" "Gy Coff"

Mechanic Club 1; Crafts Club 1; Baseball
1, 2, 3, 4

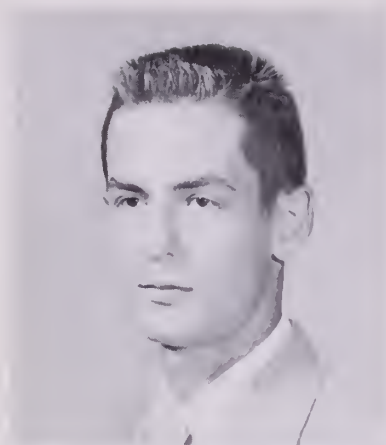


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4; "Scarletter" Staff 4





RALPH WESLEY GONTRUM, JR.
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Dramatics Club 4



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"Liza"
Latin Club 1,2,3; "Scarletter" Staff 1,2,3,4;
Dramatics Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,3; Science Club 1,2; Hockey 8



WILLIAM PRESTON HARLOW, JR.
"Billy" "Willie" "Shorty"
Library Club 4



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Latin Club 1,2,3,4; "Scarletter" Staff 8,1,
2,4-Cartoonist; "Crystal" Staff 1,2,4-Art-
ist; Basketball 8,1,2.



PATTY MARIE MAYS

"Pat" "Patsy"

F.H.A. 4; Glee Club 4; Library Club 1,2,3;
Dramatic Club 8; Pep Squad 4.



MARY ELLEN MEADE

"Shorty" "Sonny"

Latin Club 1,2; Library Club



KENNETH WILLIAM MILEY

"Sam" "Bungy"

Glee Club 8,1; Mechanics Club 2,3; Mono-
gram Club 2,3,4; Baseball 8,1,2,3,4; Foot-
ball 8,1,2,3,4; Basketball 8,1; Library Club
8,1





MARY EDGAR McCLUNG

"Mary Ed"

Library Club 1; Glee Club 2,3,4-Librarian 4; "Scarletter" Staff 2,3,4-Club Editor 3,4; Latin Club 1,2,3; "Crystal" Staff 4; Hockey 1



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"Jeanie"

Library Club 1,2; Honor Court 3,4-Chairman 4; Hockey 8,1,2; Pep Squad 4; Vice-President of Class 3; Secretary-Treasurer of Class 4



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Dramatic Club 1,2; Executive Committee 3,4; President of Student Body 4; President of Class 3; Monogram Club 3,4-President 4; French Club 4-President 4; Chemistry Club 3,4-Secretary-Treasurer 4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; "Crystal" Staff 4-Business Manager; Hockey 8,1,2; Basketball 8,1,3



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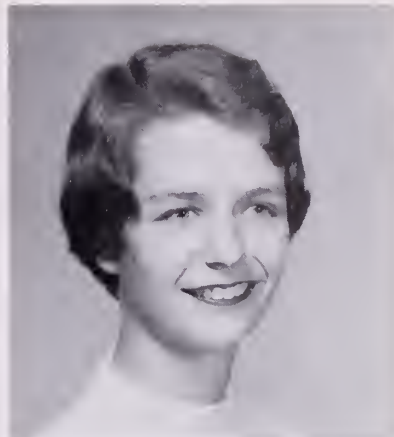
"Gene" "Gene Wilson"

Library Club 1; Honor Court 4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Crafts Club 4; Glee Club 1; Basketball 8,1,2,3,4; Football 2,3,4

SANDRA WRIGHT RAYDER

"Sannie" "Sandy"

Dramatics Club 2,3,4; "Scarletter" Staff
1,2; Latin Club 1,2,3; Science Club 8; Hock-
ey 8,1; Basketball 8,1,2



PATRICIA ANN REES

"Patsy" "Pat"

Latin Club 1,2; Library Club 1,2,4; F. H.
A. 3



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"Sloppy Joe"

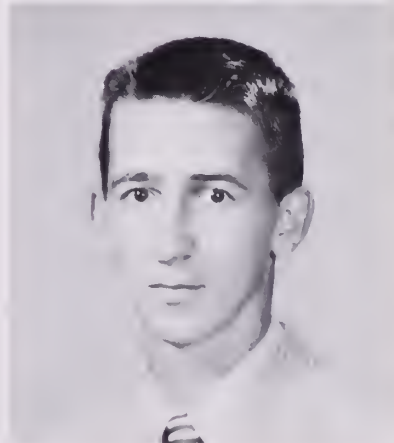
Latin Club 2; Library Club 8,1,2; F.H.A.
3,4



WAYNE OLIVER SLIGH

"Cricket" "Bolivar" "Nose"

Craft Club 3,4; Library Club 1,2; Baseball
1; Football 1





FRANCES MARIE VAN DER VEER
 "Frances"
 F. H. A. 8,1; Library Club 2



DANIEL MacMASTER WELSH
 "Danny"
 Craft Club 2,3,4



JUANITA MAY WHITESIDE
 "Johnny" "Bernice"
 Library Club 1; Glee Club 8; F.H.A. 2,3,4-
 Secretary 3, President 4; President of B.
 A.R. Federation 4; Hockey 1; PepSquad 4

When We Were Very young



Rayder



Gillespie



Letcher



Mead



Bane



Dunlap



Welsh



Davis



Roberts



Mays



Van der Veer



Niceley



Nuckols



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Holstein



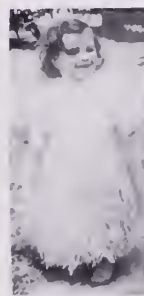
Whiteside



Rees



Harlow.W



Coates



McClung

Senior Mirror

NAME	FAVORITE SAYING	PET PEEVE	WEAKNESS	AMBITION TO
Barger	Well, Sam Spade	Teetotalers	Fords	Grow
Bayne	Let me tell you	Tardy people	Green	Leave Lexington
Coates	This is ridiculous	Muddledom	Officers' Clubs	Meet Jimmy Stewart
Crist	Let me clue you in	Fiery temper	Tall men	Travel
Davis	Oh, fuddy duddy	Gnawing the claws	Chaps	Be a good secretary
Dunlap	Don't get bit, get Flit	Filterless fags	Curly eyelashes	Dance like a nymph
Flint	That's great	Flat tires	Goshen	Graduate
Gillespie	Really	"Busy" people	Monday holidays	Live in a viny cottage
Gontrum	I want to talk to you	Cops	Women	Die like a rat
Harlow, E.	I was so embarrassed	Midnight Saturdays	Old flames	Honeymoon in Paris
Harlow, W.	Hi, you; what's this	Miss Hamilton	"Flicks"	Meet Marilyn Monroe
Holstein	Moo! & Why?	Guard room ser-vice	13-15-18-5	Be on time
Letcher	You know it	Grouchy people	Pole-vaulters	Weigh 110
Mays	Well, I never	"Muley"	Pontiacs	Become a nurse
Meade	I'll be a dirty bird	Noisy cousins	An Air Force Guy	Be able to cook
Miley	How is your leg, Billy?	Slang	Natural Bridge	Finish School
McClung	Were you late?	Charles	9042	Be "up in the air"
Nicely	Is that right?	Knee socks	Lynchburg	Gain weight
Nuckols	Get serious	Hot beer	Parties at Mike's	Find non-inflammable clothes
Paxton	Censored	Welsh	Women and brains	Put ideas into effect
Rayder	Tell me all about it	Backfiring car	Eyes and hairdos	Be a career woman
Rees	Let's ease	Monday mornings	Plymouths	Be a secretary
Richardson	Tch, tch, tch	Aptitude tests	Plenty of them	Be a Civil Engineer
Roberts	The heck you say	State Drugstore	Dancing	Be a secretary
Sligh	Ho rock	English	Women	Get out of school
Van der Veer	Good day	Monday mornings	Black	Shrink a little
Welsh	Some do and some don't	Paxton	Football games	Do
Whiteside	Good heavens	Gaining weight	"Red"	Help someone succeed

Remember The Days When

The class of 1955 first entered the doors of L.H.S. in 1951. Our president was Tommy Spencer; vice-president, Jimmy Kelly both of whom we lost before graduation; secretary-treasurer was Patsy Nuckols. Little did we know that she would be President of the Student Body in '54-'55! Honor Court representative was Julie Coates.

In our freshman year we gained two members who became officers: Art Geise, President and Harry Bowes, Secretary-Treasurer. But we lost Art at the end of the year-to all the girls' disappointment. Patsy Nuckols shone again as Vice-President and Bootsie Dunlap was our Honor Court representative . . . We were proud to call ourselves students of L.H.S. since our football team was undefeated in the district . . . That was the year we represented New Hampshire in the "National Convention" when we supported Alise Kirkpatrick for Student Body President. Madeline Gillespie was our Lilac Queen . . .

Then in our sophomore year our president was Harry Bowes; "veep", Patsy Nuckols; secretary-treasurer, Bootsie Dunlap; and Madeline Gillespie was our Honor Court representative. That was the year Liza Harlow portrayed Scarlet O'Hara in the English Class' presentation of "Gone With the Wind" . . . AT the close of this session the outcome of our May election included two of our members as student body officers . . . We lost Desha Graves to St. Anne's, Margaret Anne Miller to Southern Seminary, and Tommy Spencer to Wheaton.

We could hardly believe that we only had one more year after this. Patsy Nuckols rose to the top as President, Jean Nicely, vice-president, and Bootsie Dunlap approved to be a diligent secretary-treasurer . . . Honor Court members were Julie Coates and Jean Nicely . . . We worked hard with bake sales, square dances striving toward a successful Junior-Senior Banquet in May. We, the Class of 1955, set a precedent; the Natural Bridge Hotel was the setting for this gala occasion . . . A new idea for class stunt day was introduced when we presented "Little Red Ridinghood" after we spent hours preparing a parody on "Stella Dallas", which fell through. As it was, we won Second Prize as John Bare stole the show as Grandma . . . We marveled at the ambition of Harry Bowes and Carl Riddle who graduated in summer school . . . John Webster added much to our class in the single year he was with us. We will always remember him as King Arthur in our Christmas pageant . . . WE toiled over our original essays for Miss Hamilton . . . She was so pleased with Julie Coates' "Grocery Shopping", but the vote of the class gave her only one lone admirer. Although she claims she didn't vote for herself, we wonder . . .

At last we climbed to the distinction of sitting in Mr. Thompson's home room . . . Patsy Nuckols was President of the Student Body. We elected an old friend from the sixth grade, Bill Richardson, president. Bootsie was veep and Jean Nicely was our secretary-treasurer. We sent to the Honor Court Rita Davis, Gene Paxton, Jean Nicely . . . Mary Ellen Meade changed her name to Smith on Christmas Day . . . Upon an excellent answer in class Miss Hamilton wished the same fate for all the seniors . . . Miss Morrison constantly confused Danny Welch with Daniel Webster . . . We planned the first weekly Chapel service after this custom was introduced . . . We appreciated the Junior-Senior Banquet which appropriately climaxed our last days at L.H.S.

Last Will And Testament

I, Martha Barger, bequeath my height of five feet to Ruby Wray.

I, Shirley Bayne, bequeath to Miss Adair a Shorthand Class not always wanting tests postponed.

I, Julie Coates, bequeath to my cousin Derby Huger my ability to make stills in Mr. Thompson's physics class.

I, Louise Crist, bequeath my place in cheerleading to anyone who can stand the early morning practices.

I, Rita Davis, bequeath my front seat in Miss Adair's Shorthand to anyone who doesn't want to do his next day's assignment.

I, Elinor Dunlap, bequeath to my cousin Susan Coe my glass of Mr. Thompson's Christmas eggnog.

I, Gene Flint, bequeath my love for Shop to my brother Bobby.

I, Madeline Gillespie, bequeath my ability to "play too much" to my brother Gilly.

I, Ralph Gontrum, do here by leave?

I, Liza Harlow, bequeath my beautiful soprano voice to Jeanie Arehart who can't seem to carry a tune.

I, Billy Harlow, bequeath my good times at L.H.S. to Billy Lackey and all my energy for cheering at games to Patty Pullen.

I, Mary Lou Holstein, bequeath to Jane Coleman the wonderful parties and outstanding times in Monroe Park.

I, Katie Letcher, bequeath my love for W&L frat parties to any junior who can stand the late hours, cool combos, and flat beer.

I, Patty Mays, bequeath my ambition to be a nurse to Eleanor Hartless in hopes that we both succeed in passing Chemistry.

I, Mary Ellen Meade, bequeath to my cousin Tom Jenkins my seat in Senior English in hopes that he will get as many kicks out of it as I did.

I, Kenneth Miley, bequeath all my learning to anyone who thinks I have learned enough to benefit him.

I, Mary ED McClung, bequeath nothing. I'm going to try to take it all with me.

I, Jean Nicely, bequeath my love for week-end dates to Eleanor Hartless in hopes that she can see him more often than I.

I, Pat Nuckols, bequeath my seat at the second table on the right to anyone who has no trouble digesting his food.

I, Gene Paxton, bequeath to Norbert Irving my ability to sleep third period and pass all the tests.

I, Sandra Rayder, bequeath my car, the "A", to Ruby Wray in hopes that she can make more than a taxi out of it.

I, Patsy Rees, bequeath all my good times at L.H.S. to Mike Wilson.

I, Bill Richardson, bequeath to my brother Joe my typewriter.

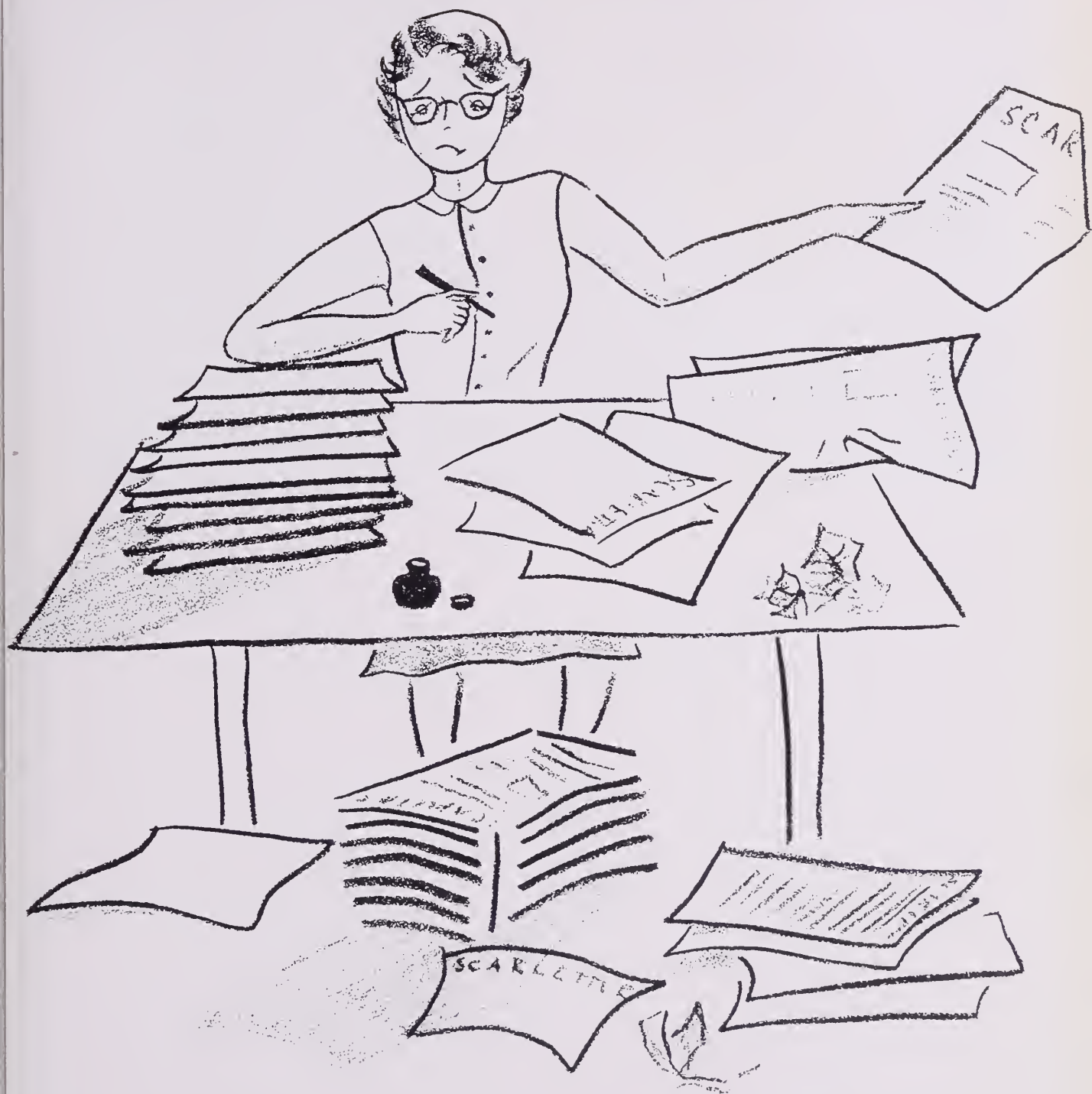
I, Betty Roberts, bequeath my good grades in senior English to my brother Dave.

I, Wayne Sligh, bequeath my frequent trips to B.V. and Natural Bridge to Allen Brown.

I, Frances Van der Veer, bequeath my daily seat on Sensabaugh's bus to any 8 grader from Highland Bell who thinks he may need it for the next five years.

I, Danny Welsh, bequeath my ability to get along in Senior English to Billy Swisher.

I, Juanita Whiteside, bequeath my offices in the F.H.A. Club to anyone who likes the responsibility.



CLASSES



Juniors

President George Ax
Vice-President Jackie Jeffress
Secretary-Treasurer Martha Spencer
Honor Court Representative. . Eleanor Hartless
Martha Spencer

Carol Adams
Ted Agnor
George Ax
Doris Bane
William Bane
Katherine Bowie
Bobby Brown
Lois Burwell
Bobby Camper
Susan Coe
Frieda Cunningham
Ted Davis

Paul Dale
Billy Edwards
David Eisler
Earl Fix
Jeanette Foltz
David Foster
Phil Hamric
Eleanor Hartless
Delores Hickman
Dixie Hinkle
Norbert Irvine
Jackie Jeffress

James Kokolis
John McClung
Charles Mitchell
Edith Nease
Ruth Owen
Paul Penick
Patty Pullen
Judy Roberts
Dennie Sensabaugh
Martha Spencer
Jeanne Tracy
Ruby Wray

The highlight of the activities of the Junior Class was the annual banquet when the Juniors entertained the Seniors.

This year the Juniors sponsored the Homecoming Dance at which time the queen of 1954 was crowned.

As a part of the Christmas assembly program, the Juniors in tableau form portrayed the story of the Navidity.



Sophomores

President Ronny McNemar
 Vice-President Martha Boyden
 Secretary-Treasurer Billy Lackey
 Honor Court Representative Felix Sanders

Bettie Agnor
 Gloria Alphin
 Janet Ayres
 Ronny Ayres
 Nancy Ballard
 Elane Bane
 Mary Bane
 Toby Bane
 Sheldon Barnes
 Martha Boyden
 Carl Brown
 Malcolm Brownlee
 Ronny Bryant
 Kenneth Cannon
 Howard Carter
 Carlton Clark

Jimmy Dale
 Donald Davis
 Nancy Dooley
 Donnie Durham
 Joyce Flint
 Elizabeth Goodman
 Elaine Harlow
 Hickman
 Marlene Irvine
 Wanda Johnson
 Billy Lackey
 Libby Laird
 Naydene Long
 Oscar Mabry
 Frances Mays
 Freddie McKemy

Marvin McKemy
 Ronny McNemar
 Oscar Plogger
 Joe Richardson
 Kurt Riegal
 Bettie Riley
 Sheila Ryan
 Felix Sanders
 Patricia Steel
 William Swisher
 Morgan Tardy
 Patricia Tolley
 Tommy Trohell
 Madeline Vest
 Bettie Wayland
 Howard Yancy
 Leslie Young

Among many various activities that we have undertaken this year is the decoration of the gym for the Christmas Dance. We hope to have as much fun in our two remaining years at L.H.S. as we have this year, and we are looking eagerly toward 1957 when we, too, will be tearfully marching down the aisle.



Freshmen

President Kitty Paxton
 Vice-President Charles Brown
 Secretary-Treasurer Sonny Slusser
 Honor Court Representative . . . John Starling

Patty Jo Adkins
 Ralph Arehart
 Majorie Ayres
 Shirley Ballard
 Allen Brown
 Charles Brown
 Jerry Brown
 Mack Brownlee
 Mary Brush
 Shirley Camden
 Bobby Carroll
 Bill Chittum
 Jimmy Chittum
 Dorothy Clemmer
 Jane Lewis Coleman
 Eva Craft
 Herald Dean

Doris Dollman
 Judy Donald
 Ruth Dooley
 Sally Drake
 Ronnie Edwards
 Jerry Entsminger
 Ann Ewing
 Marilyn Fauber
 Ruby Ford
 Gilly Gillespie
 Sylvia Greene
 Karlyos Hayslett
 Marvin Hostetter
 Tommy Howard
 David Huffman
 Derby Huger
 Pete Ikenberry

Brooke Mallory
 Shirley Martin
 Alice Neale Moger
 Gwen Muterspaw
 Mary Ann Neofotis
 Richard Nuckols
 Kitty Paxton
 Joan Pope
 Sonny Slusser
 Melvin Smith
 Josephine Smith
 John Starling
 Bob Steele
 Treva Tolley
 Clarence Troxell
 Peggy Whitmore
 Ronnie Whitmore

As we look back, our Freshman year has seemed short and full of new and exciting experiences. Although we have had a taste of what the rest of our years at L.H.S. will be like, our high school career has just begun. As we look forward to our sophomore year, we hope we will hold up to the standards of good, hard-working sophomore students.



Eighth Grade

President Anne Weaver
 Vice-President Tom Adams
 Secretary-Treasurer Gail Deaver
 Honor Court Representative . . . Robert Carson

Tom Adams
 Franklin Arehart
 Jeanie Arehart
 Judy Ayres
 Lynn Barrett
 Roger Baroody
 Tommy Black
 Judy Brads
 Kenneth Brown
 Joyace Camden
 Norma Campbell
 Robert Carson
 Bobby Chittum
 Nellie Clark
 Buddy Crist
 Lula Crist
 Phyllis Cunningham

Gail Deaver
 Walter Durham
 Clarence Emore
 Billy Figgatt
 Bobby Flint
 Jack Floyd
 Sally Foltz
 Betty Harlow
 Michael Harlow
 Clyde Hartless
 Leon Hartless
 Ruth Hattan
 Effie Higgins
 Joe Higgins
 Jean Hostetter
 Sara Hotinger
 Sandra Ikenberry

Ann Johnson
 Jackie Johnson
 Patsy Junkin
 Tommy Jenkins
 Floyd Kay
 Tommy Kurtpatrick
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 Hallie Long
 Nancy Mabry
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 Mary McCluer
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 Donald Napier
 Dee Riegal
 Virginia Riley
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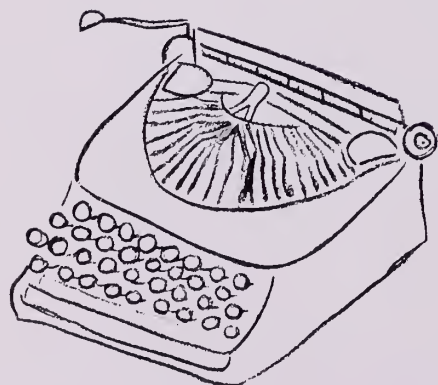
Rodney Rogers
 Marjorie Rulay
 Willard Scott
 Ronnie Sensabaugh
 Edith Sorrells
 Jessie Sorrells
 Don Steele
 Ried Swisher
 Nelson Trinkle
 David Turpin
 Dorothy Vest
 Harrington Waddell
 Anne Weaver
 Betty Whitehurst
 Freddie Wilken
 Mike Wilson
 Carole Wright

Here we are at last--in high school! Although things seemed a little bewildering at first, we have caught on to the system of high school life and hope to enjoy the future years at L.H.S. as much as we have our eighth grade session.



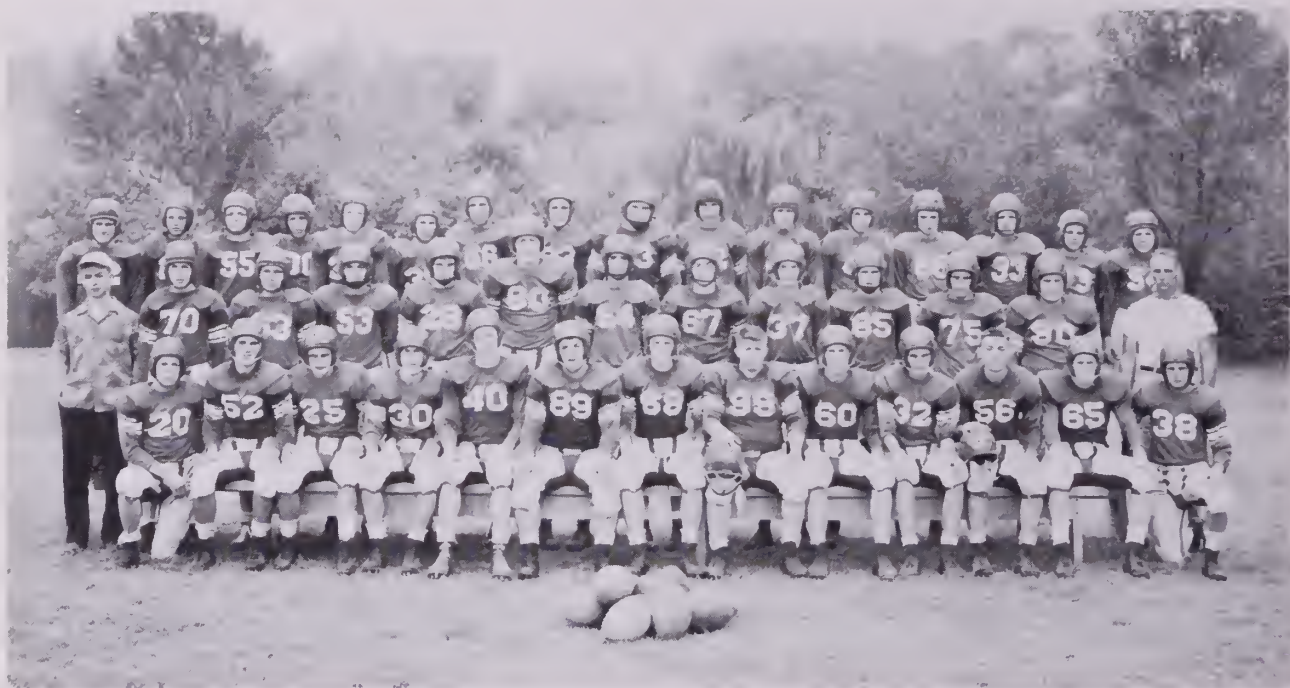
Commercial Classes

Martha Barger
Shirley Bayne
Louise Crist
Rita Davis
Jean Nicely
Frances Van der Veer
Juanita Whiteside





SPORTS



FIRST ROW: Hartless, Irvine, Huffman, Edwards, Hamric, Yancey, Paxton, Bayne, Enstminger, Mabry, Kokolis, Lackey, M. Smith SECOND ROW: Tardy, Brownlee, A. Brown, Steele, Penick, Chittum, Starling, Richardson, Dale, Fix, Boyer, Swisher THIRD ROW: Carl Brown, Gillespie, Ayres, D. Steele, J. Chittum, Bryant, Davis, Hostetter, Mitchell, Edwards, J. Brown, Nuckols, Higgins, Howard, Huger, C. Brown

Football

Coach	S.P. Brewbaker
Co-Captains	Gene Paxton
	Howard Yancey
	Bill Bayne

The Season

On Sept. 17 the Hurricanes opened the football season by downing Buchanan 26-0. Huffman, Hamric, Edwards pierced the Buchanan line for touchdowns. Swisher kicked the extra points.

Natural Bridge topped Lexington 26-6 on Sept. 24. In the last minutes of the game Lackey crashed through the Rocket's line for the lone L.H.S. touchdown.

During a drizzling rain, the Scarlet Hurricanes bowed to the Judges of Handley High in Winchester 28-7. In the last minutes of the game, a touchdown was set up by a long pass from Hamric to Starling and several running plays. The ball was then flipped to Chittum in the end zone for the TD.

The Big Red, held to a 6-6 tie through the first half, exploded for three touchdowns in the last half to defeat Lee High 26-6 in Staunton. Lackey, Huffman, and Swisher crashed through the Leemen's line for Lexington TD's.

Wilson Memorial's eleven bowed to the Hurricanes 20-6. Hamric scored the first touchdown through an opening in the line on a quarterback sneak. Huffman scored after a 55-yard drive with Swisher kicking for the extra point. In the third period we saw Hamric again crashing through the line after a 55-yard run.

L.H.S. swept to their third straight District Five victory with a 27-0 win over Harrisonburg. An enthusiastic crowd at the Recreation Field watched the Lexington line hold the heavy Harrisonburg team to a stand still while the backfield rolled up 194 yards rushing. Touchdowns: Edwards 2, Hamric, J. Chittum; Conversions: Swisher 3.

The Scarlet Hurricanes spoiled the Waynesboro Little Giants' homecoming 13-6, played on a sodden Waynesboro field. Due to the half-wet turf, there were frequent fumbles. Consequently, there were few long runs as both teams were content with short jabs at the line and an occasional pass. In the second half L.H.S. scored on a Hamric to Chittum pass. In the fourth quarter Lexington began another TD drive on their 30. Hamric sneaked over the line for the second Hurricane touchdown.

On Nov. 6 at Recreation field, the unbeaten Clifton Forge Mountaineers broke the Hurricanes win streak 26-0. The W&L ROTC Band played marches and helped lead cheers for L.H.S. during this, their homecoming game.

The Scarlet Hurricanes, leading by two touchdowns at the start of the last quarter, had to settle for a 13-13 tie with Parry McClure of Buena Vista Nov. 13 at the Recreation Field. Paxton and Huffman galloped for Lexington TD's.

Lexington finished its 1954 Football season with a winning record. The Hurricanes had five wins, three losses, and one tie.

Those boys playing their last game were Gene Paxton, Bill Bayne, Howard Yancey, and Bill Richardson.



FRONT ROW: Dale, Entsminger, Eisler, Kokolis, Bayne, Ax, Steele, Penick SECOND ROW: Brewbaker-coach, Hamric, Starling, Chittum, Paxton, Whitmore, Richardson, Edwards, Lackey

Basketball

Stuart P. Brewbaker Coach
Ralph Arehart Manager

Coach Brewbaker calls the 1954-'55 Scarlet Hurricane probably the best basketball team he's coached in years.

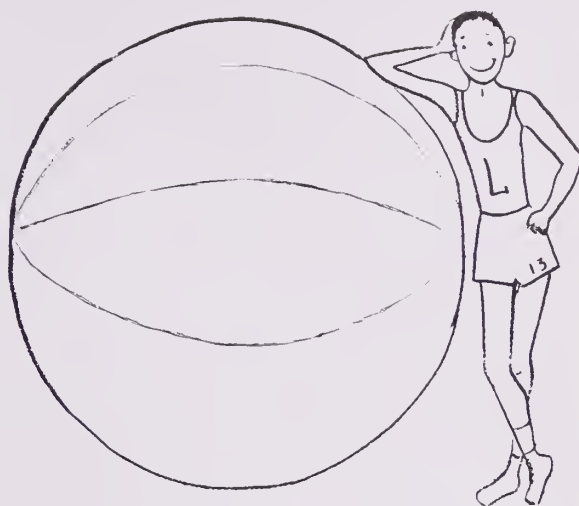
"We have a very well-balanced team, with several good scorers," he said. "When they get off to a good start, these boys can score 60 or 70 points in a game. We haven't had a team like that in several years."

The Hurricans dropped their first two games, one by a single point. Then they scored impressive victories over Central High and Buena Vista to even their record at two and two.

Paul Penick and Bill Chittum lead the team in scoring as January action got under way. Both have averaged more than 15 points per game in the three District Five contests which Lexington has played.

Coach Brewbaker has words of praise for his junior varsity, too. The jayvee squad has won three straight games without a loss and has averaged about 50 points per contest.

Because of a deadline, we regret that we can't put a complete rundown of all the games; therefore we have left space for you to fill in the scores. The "Crystal" Staff prophesies many victories for the basketball squad in 1955.



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Central	_____
Buena Vista	_____
R.E. Lee	_____
Waynesboro	_____
Clifton Forge	_____
Buchanan	_____
Wilson Memorial	_____
Natural Bridge	_____
Buena Vista	_____
R.E. Lee	_____
Waynesboro	_____
Harrisonburg	_____
Buchanan	_____
Clifton Forge	_____
Harrisonburg	_____
Natural Bridge	_____



FIRST ROW: Bayne, P. Hamric, Mabry, Lackey, Irvine, Riddle, Burkes SECOND ROW: Steele, C. Hamric, J. Dale, Flint, McNemar, Plogger THIRD ROW: Brewbaker-coach, C. Brown, Bowes, Huffman, J. Brown, P. Dale

Baseball - - - - -1954

Stuart P. Brewbaker Coach
Paul Dale Manager

On April 2 Lexington met Buchanan at Buchanan for the first game of the season, with Buchanan winning 8-4. Phil Hamric pitched for the Hurricanes.

Lexington met Natural Bridge at Glasgow April 9. Mabry hurled a losing game, as Lexington was defeated 7-6.

On April 13 the Hurricanes traveled to Fishersville to bow to Wilson Memorial 20-7. Hamric, starting pitcher, was relieved by Mabry and Charles Hamric.

Lexington downed Robert E. Lee at Staunton 7-6 April 14. Winning pitcher was Bob Steele, who replaced Miley in the fifth.

For the first home game under the lights, Lexington bowed in defeat to Waynesboro 5-1. Steele hurled for the Hurricanes.

Wilson Memorial shut out Lexington 20-1 April 27 under the Recreation Field lights. Pitchers were Miley, Hamric, and Mabry.

On April 30 Lexington turned back Clifton Forge 4-3. Steele was the winning pitcher.

In a home game on May 4, the Hurricanes were edged out by Staunton 7-6. Mabry and Steele shared mound duty for L.H.S.

The L.H.S. nine, traveling to Buena Vista May 8, were shut by Parry McCluer 6-0. Steele, pitcher, allowed only two bases on balls.

On May 10 in Waynesboro the Giants pushed across three runs in the final inning to defeat the Hurricanes 7-6. Mabry, in going all the way for Lexington, took the loss.

L.H.S. lost a home game, May 12, to Buchanan 8-2. Steele and Mabry hurled for the Hurricanes.

The Natural Bridge Rockets swamped the Big Red 8-0 May 24 at the Recreation Field. Starter Mabry was effective for most of the game; Steele came on to pitch to the last batter of the game.

On May 22 the Lexington nine traveled to Buena Vista for their last game of the season. The Blues staggered the Hurricanes 11-0. Steele gave up two runs in the first, six in the third, one in the fifth, and two in the ninth.



Scores

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 Lexington 0

Clifton Forge 7
 Buchanan 8
 Natural Bridge 7
 Wilson Memorial 20
 R. E. Lee 6
 Waynesboro 5
 Wilson Memorial 20
 Clifton Forge 3
 R. E. Lee 7
 Buena Vista 6
 Waynesboro 7
 Buchanan 8
 Natural Bridge 8
 Buena Vista 11



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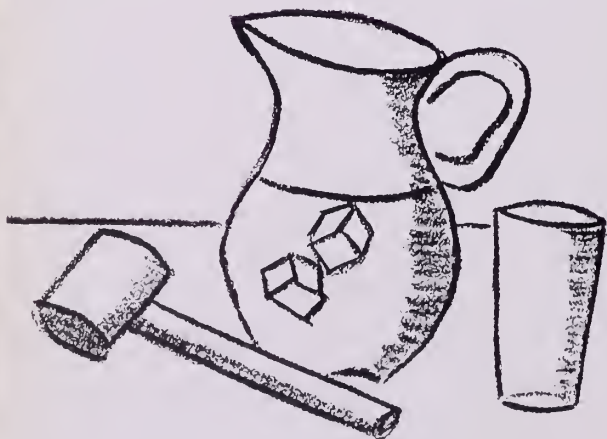


ACTIVITIES



Executive Committee

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Senior Representative	Bill Richardson
Junior Representative	George Ax
Sophomore Representative	Ronnie McNemar
Freshman Representative	Kitty Paxton
Eighth Grade Representative	Ann Weaver
Advisor	Miss Evelyn Law



The Executive Committee has engaged in sundry activities this year. They not only sponsored a student stunt assembly again this year, but also collected food for Christmas baskets for the needed, sponsored a Chapel Service which is held every Monday with the different classes and clubs participating, plus the ever present job of seeing that the Lexington High Constitution is upheld and carried out.



Honor Court

Chairman	Jean Nicely
Secretary	Martha Spencer
Senior Representatives	Rita Davis
.....	Jean Nicely
.....	Gene Paxton
Junior Representatives	Eleanor Hartless
.....	Martha Spencer
Sophomore Representative	Felix Sanders
Freshman Representative	John Starling
Eighth Grade Representative	Robert Carson
Faculty Advisor	Miss Mary Hamilton

The Honor Court feels that, with the cooperation of the entire student body, they have had a most successful year upholding the age-old quotation, "Honesty is the Best Policy."

Besides trying cases and seeing that every student does his best and own work, the Honor Court has presented several assemblies. The first, to the Eighth Grade, was a talk on the honor system, explaining how it works.

In January these representatives presented a play entitled "Bright Star" for the purpose of reminding everyone that we must all do our own work, not only on the forthcoming exams, but always.

Yes, the Honor Court has done excellent work in the course of this year.

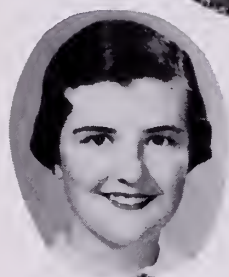
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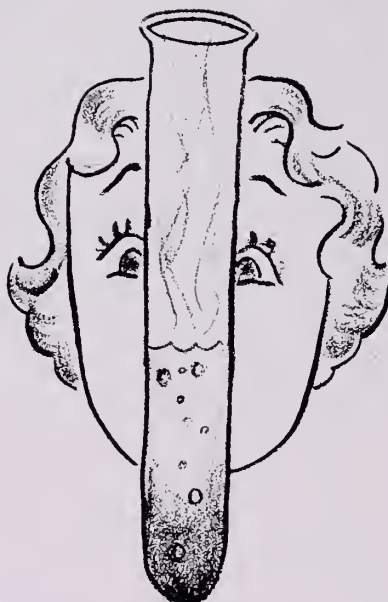
Rayder



Hartless



Hamric



Chemistry Club

President	Elinor Dunlap
Secretary-Treasurer	Patsy Nuckols
Sponsor	Miss Elizabeth Dunlap

The Chemistry Club, made up of honor students in Chemistry and Physics, is Lexington high's only Honor Society. The members not only follow the advancements in the sciences, but also take part in various activities throughout the school and community. They note the achievements of former members by keeping a scrapbook.

These capable young scientists are willing to latch onto anything that will further the advancement of science and may be seen willingly reading reports and carrying out projects. Keep up the good work, "Einstein"; L.H.S. is proud of you.

Not in picture, Bill Richardson.



Science Club

President David Foster
 Vice-President Carol Adams
 Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Jeffress
 Reporter Mary Ann Neophotis
 Advisor Miss Elizabeth Dunlap

The Science Club, organized for all students with a special interest in science, is a chapter of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science and is affiliated with Science Clubs of America.

This year has been most successful. Among the year's projects was the collecting of Red Cross money from the entire student body. This club helps with the decorating of Miss Dunlap's bulletin boards. We owe them many thanks for not only brightening up the halls and the Sophomore homeroom, but for furthering the interest and knowledge in science by their most interesting displays.

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 Patty Jo Adkins
 Bobby Brown
 David Eisler
 David Foster
 Pete Ikenberry
 Jackie Jeffress
 John McClung

Mary Ann Neophotis
 Patty Pullen
 Kurt Reigal
 Dennie Sensabaugh
 Martha Spencer
 John Letcher
 Robert Carson





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Secretary	Elizabeth Goodman
Treasurer	Martha Boyden
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	Alice Moger

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 Mary Meade
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 Jimmy Dale
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 Alice Moger
 Gillie Gillespie
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 Jerry Brown
 Bob Steele

Gloria Alphin
 Morgan Tardy
 Doris Bayne
 Eleanor Hartless
 Ruth Owen
 Ted Davis
 Billy Edwards
 Paul Dale
 Brooke Mallory
 Mack Brownlee
 Sally Drake
 Howard Yancey
 Mary Brush

Again the Library Club adorned the bulletin board with attractive displays for all the holidays, Book Week, and different activities.

The Club has started a crusade this year to rid the county of the harmful effects of Horror Comics.

The annual Christmas party, made festive by decorations and exchanging of gifts, was enjoyed by the entire club. The entire Student Body thanks the Library Club for its interesting decorations and its many useful projects.



Dramatics Club

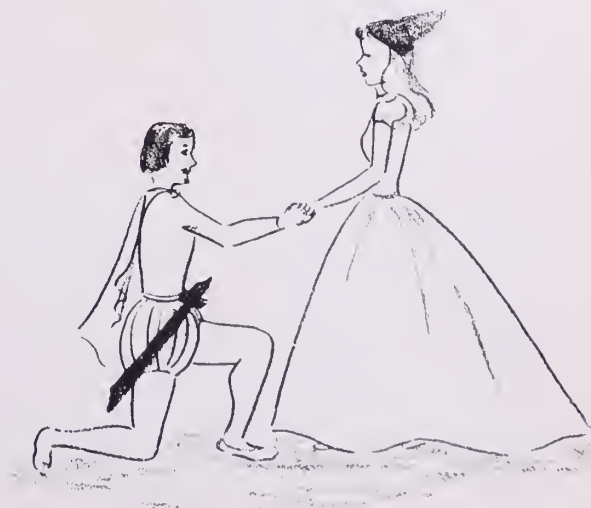
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Jackie Jeffress
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 Mary Ann Neofotis
 Paul Penick
 Patty Pullen
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 Judy Roberts
 Dennie Sensabaugh
 Sonny Slusser
 Jeanne Tracy
 Ruby Wray

The Dramatics Club presented a three-act play, "Professor, How Could You?", early in the fall.

As usual they are busy reading over plays, having tryouts, and attending movies showing different points of dramatic acting. Although they have not completed plans for spring as of yet, they have had a very successful year so far and are looking forward to a most prosperous new year.





Glee Club

President	Ruby Wray
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Wardrobe Mistress	Martha Barger
Reporter	Caroline Hincke
Director	Miss Ruth Spies

Howard Yancey
 Ruby Wray
 Caroline Hincke
 David Foster
 Bobby Brown
 David Eisler
 Bobby Camper
 Jeanne Tracy
 Jackie Jeffress
 Alice Neal Moger

Elinor Dunlap
 Julie Coates
 Mary Edgar McClung
 Tom Jenkins
 Harrington Waddell
 Patty Mays
 Martha Barger
 Sandra Ikenberry
 Jeannie Arehart
 Betty Agnor
 Mike Wilson

The Glee Club has two added features this year: the capable direction of Miss Ruth Spies and the addition of a male section.

This vocal group has sponsored several "sing" assemblies this year. At the first of these, falling near Christmas, the club sang Fred Waring's arrangement of "T'was the Night Before Christmas" with Julie Coates singing the lead solo.

The choir is practicing many new arrangements which they hope to present early in the spring. The Glee Club has done a wonderful job in making L.H.S. a much more harmonious and pleasant school.



Sodalitas Latina

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Vice-President	Jane Coleman
Secretary-Treasurer	Mack Brownlee
Reporter	Judy Donald
Sponsor	Mrs. Evelyn Law

Mack Brownlee
Bobby Carroll
Harold Dean
Gilly Gillespie
Tommy Howard
Pete Ikenberry
Brooke Mallory
Sonny Slussor
John Starling
Patty Adkins
Mary Brush

Jane Coleman
Judy Donald
Sally Drake
Marilyn Fauber
Alice Neal Moger
Mary Ann Neofotis
Kitty Paxton
Joan Pope
Judy Roberts
Julia Coates
Elinor Dunlap

Katie Letcher
Jeanne Tracy
Malcolm Brownlee
Joe Richardson
Kurt Riegal
Felix Sanders
Gloria Alphin
Elaine Bane
Shela Ryan
Patricia Tolley
Bettie Wayland

The Sodalitas Latina, better known as the Latin Club, relived several Roman holidays. At Thanksgiving the club had a feast, serving a cake made from a Roman recipe, peacocks' brains, birds' tongues, and other Roman delicacies.

For Christmas the Latina presented a program based on the Roman Saturnalia. Roman Christmas cards, inscribed in Latin, were exhibited. The third year members helped celebrate the Saturnalia by working Christmas tree crossword puzzles in Latin.

These students have learned that Latin isn't a dead language. They can truly say, "Veni, Vidi, Vinci!"



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Dixie Hinkle
Joan Pope
Margie Ayres
Shirley Ballard
Jane Coleman
Marilyn Fauber
Treva Tolley
Phyllis Cunningham
Norma Ann Campbell
Judy Brads

The F.H.A. has not only its various club activities to be proud of, but also its president, Juanita Whiteside, who was elected president of the Bath, Amherst, and Rockbridge Federation. Among their sundry projects were the sponsoring of a series of skits in assembly to point out the real meaning of Home Economics and its importance, the sponsoring of the Christmas Dance, and the holding of a bake sale. Congratulations, girls, for a job well done.



French Club

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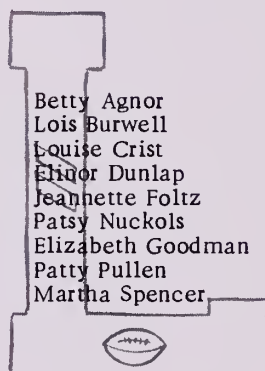
Among the many various activities of the French Club were the two big holiday meetings, Thanksgiving and Christmas. At these the members played "Twenty Questions" in French and sang songs, some of which were "Au Clair De La Lune" and "Jingle Bells"--in French, of course.

In general the French Club has had a most successful year, not only in merrymaking, but also in the learning of better French. C'est Si Bon, kids!



Girls' Monogram

President Patsy Nuckols
 Secretary-Treasurer Betty Agnor
 Sponsor Mrs. Bruce Morrison



Due to the lack of a girls' basketball team, this year's Monogram Club is made up of all cheerleaders with the exception of Elizabeth Goodman, our Letter-Girl from last year.

Among the various activities of these girls were the decorating of the football field for the games, and the conducting of the Homecoming Rally.



Boys' Monogram

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 Charles Mitchell
 Ronnie McNemar
 Eugene Paxton
 Paul Penick
 Oscar Plogger
 Bill Richardson
 Melvin Smith
 John Starling
 Bob Steele
 Billy Swisher
 Jack Tardy
 Howard Yancey

The Boys' Monogram Club has had a most successful year. Their biggest project is the running of the concession stand during the basketball games. From these proceeds they have paid for the letters awarded for participation in the various sports. Also these energetic and active boys supplied the gold basketballs for the Seniors. These sports-lovers are always busy and can be seen flitting about engaging in innumerable activities.



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This year's "Scarletter" Staff was made up of conscientious, capable and hard-working students. Many outstanding issues were published because of Julia Coates, the editor, Mrs. McHenry and her excellent supervision as the advisor and the cooperation of the L.H.S. journalists.

Valuable information was gained at the Southern Interscholastic Press Association to which L.H.S. sent Julia Coates, Jeanne Tracy, Elinor Dunlap, and the leading representatives of the newly elected staff. Milton Caniff, famed comic strip artist, was among the featured speakers at the 26th annual convention of SIPA, April 29-30, at Washington and Lee University.

The staff would like to thank the student body for their grand cooperation in helping to publish this paper, and sincerely hopes that these publications have been enjoyed thoroughly by them.



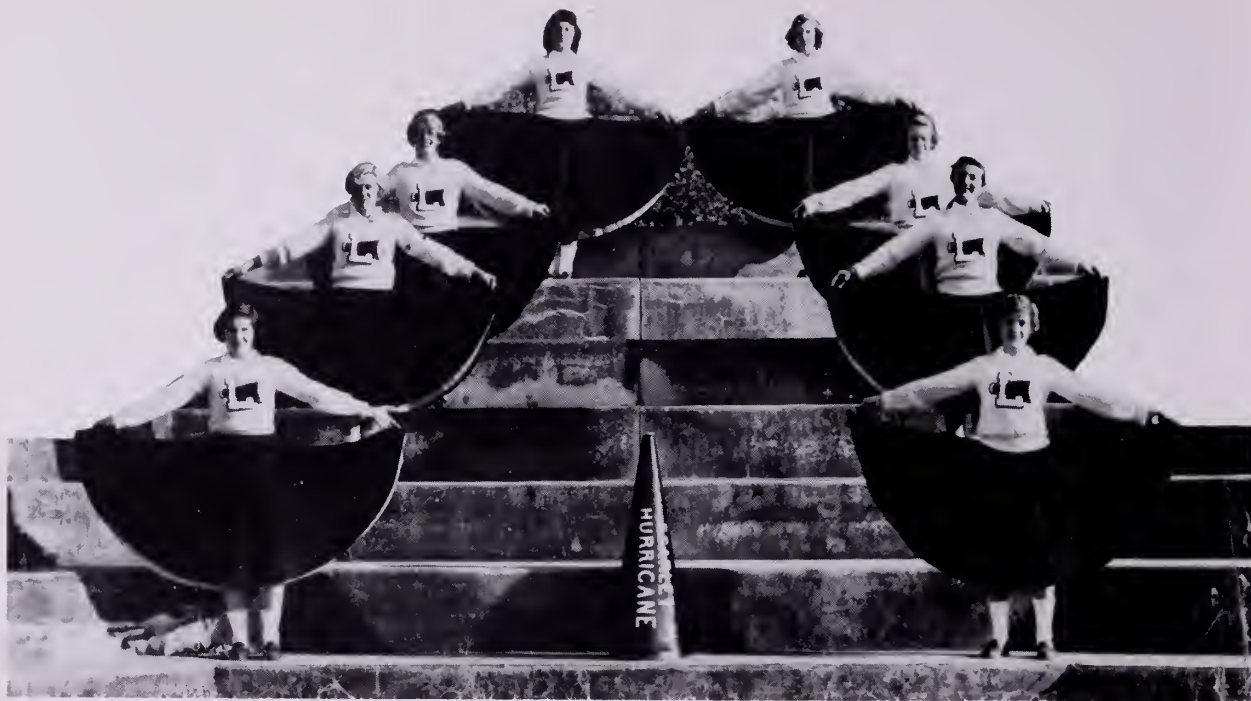
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Cheerleaders

CRIST

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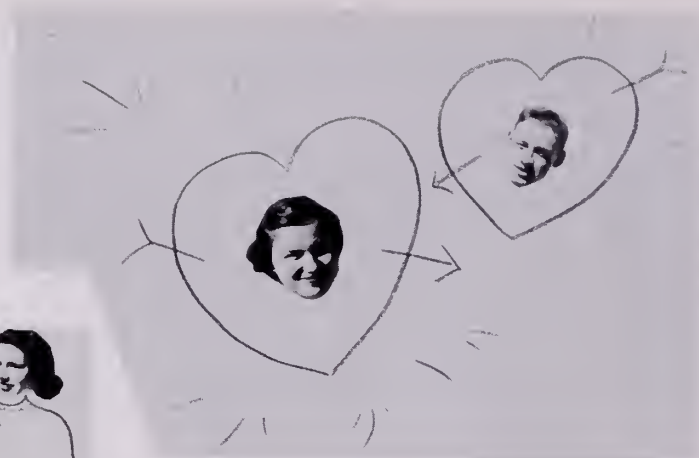
This year's cheerleaders were elected by the student body in the spring, so these girls had ample time to practice before school started. This diligent work paid off as the "Little Red" has the reputation as being the best trained and most school spirited bunch of cheerleaders to lead the Hurricanes on to victory after victory.

Again letters were awarded to the girls. They alternated as head cheerleader, thus everyone had an opportunity for the position.

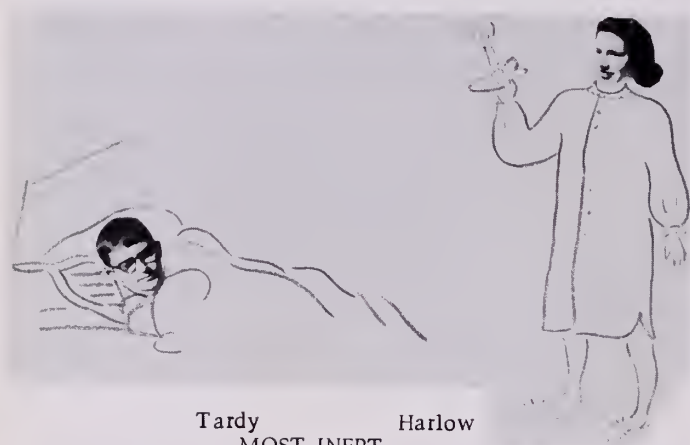
For the first time L.H.S. had a pep squad, organized and guided by the cheerleaders, to help lead the students in songs and cheers. Congratulations for a job-well done.



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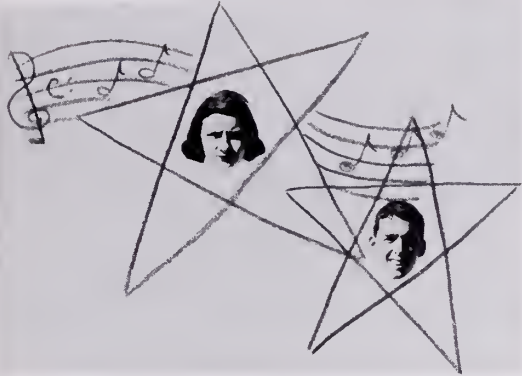
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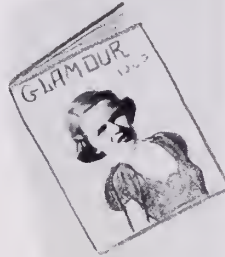
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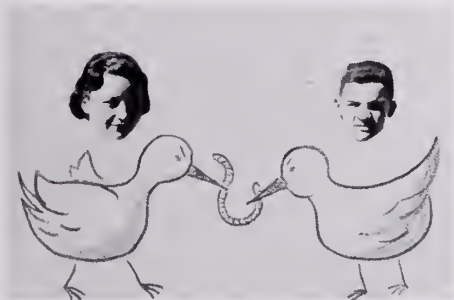
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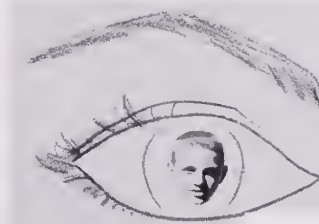
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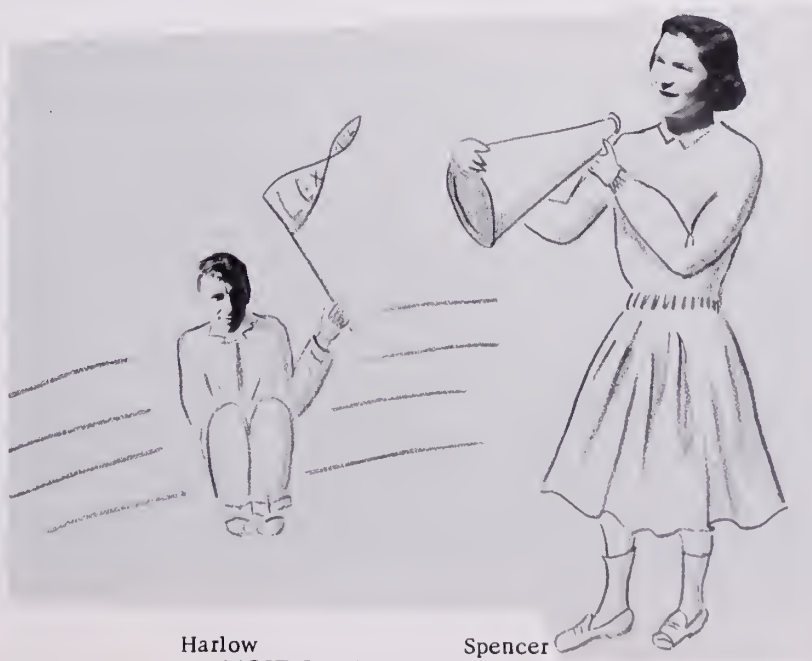
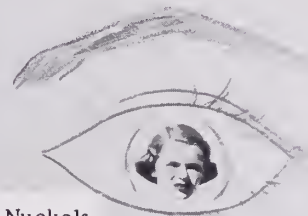
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